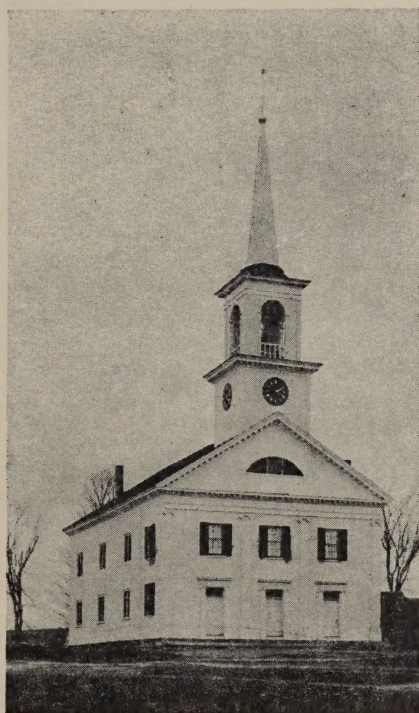


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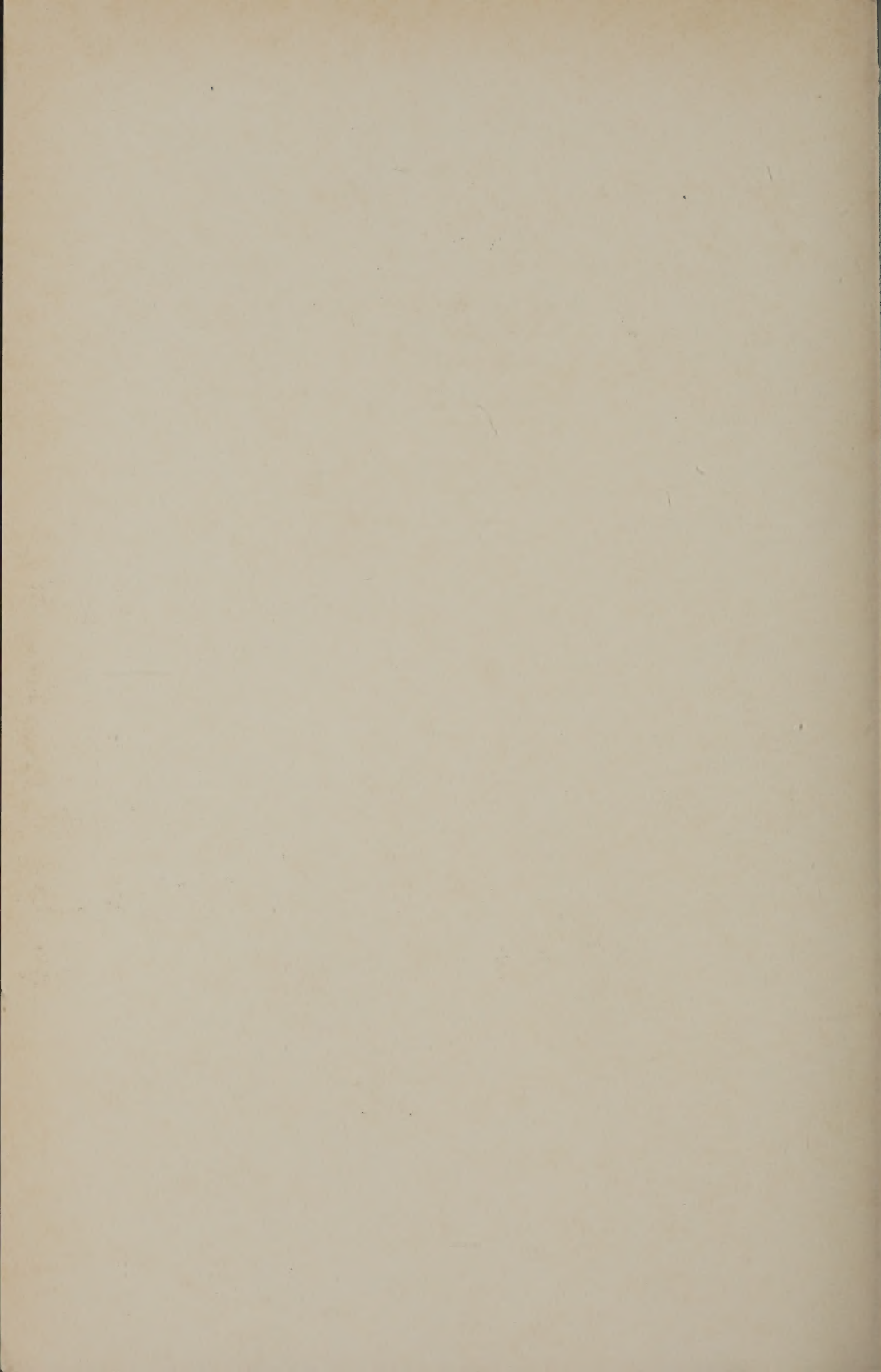
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Reports of the
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
June 30, 1947

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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, Leon E. Hoyt.

Town Clerk, Joan A. Bixby.

Selectmen, Clarence C. Jones, Carl D. Abbott, Leon E. Hoyt.

Treasurer, Joan A. Bixby.

Tax Collector, Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education, Doris Basset, F. Russell Abbott, C. Gladys St. John.

Auditor, State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division.

Supervisors, Rodney G. Mills, Arthur J. Miller, William Basset, Jr.

Road Agent, Clayton F. Foote.

Overseer of Poor, Arthur J. Miller.

Trustees of Trust Funds, Arthur E. Holt, Rodney G. Mills, Kathleen F. Johnson.

Library Trustees, Joan A. Bixby, Henry B. Hill, Lillian C. Stewart.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

(L. S.)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Summer and Winter highways.
4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V highways and raise and appropriate \$749.53 to procure the same, the State to contribute \$2,998.10.
5. To see if the Town will vote to allow 2% discount on property taxes paid by Aug. 1, 1948.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for the control of white pine blister rust, \$400.00 of same to apply to 1947 and \$400.00 to 1948.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$686.10 for the Library or to take any action relating thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70.00 to Monadnock Region Association.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 to cover the 1948 audit by the Division of Municipal Accounting.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for expenses and maintenance of the Fire Dept.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to be applied to payment on State Road and Bridge notes.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to be added to the reserve fund for roads.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 as a reserve fund for the purchase of road equipment.
14. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Board of three Cemetery Commissioners, whose duties shall be the management and care of all Town Cemeteries.
15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to establish charges for Cemetery lots and burial service at all Town Cemeteries.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of a power mower by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners, the mower to be used only under their direction, in cemeteries and on the common.
17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to have all stalls in the horse sheds cleaned out each year at least one week prior to Labor Day.
18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of the Municipal Budget Law.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to install two toilets in the Town Hall.

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to defray current expenses, in anticipation of taxes.

21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to distribute as many inventory blanks as possible when taking the invoice on April 1st.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care of cemeteries.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to paint and repair the white church.

24. To see if the Town will vote to give the stage coach to the Francestown Historical Society.

25. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen, and take action on same.

Given under our hands and seal, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

CLARENCE C. JONES,
CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
Selectmen of Francestown.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLARENCE C. JONES,
CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
Selectmen of Francestown.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948. Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
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From State:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$908.51	\$935.10	\$935.10
Savings Bank Tax	97.60	92.98	90.00
Gas Tax	1,700.00	1,657.00	1,789.40
Refund on Blister Rust	.....	.80	.....
For Fighting Forest Fires	106.71	75.91	75.91
Bounties	.....	.....	375.50
Refund on Special Poll Tax			
Assessment	.....	.....	117.00

From Local Sources Except

Taxes:

Business Licenses and			
Permits	3.00	1.50	3.00
Municipal Court, Filing Fees	8.00	12.00	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and			
Other Buildings	60.00	196.00	150.00
Interest Received on Taxes			
and Deposits	33.00	57.04	50.00
Rebate on Siren	.....	.36	.....
Refund by Library	.....	72.50	.....
Refund on Insurance	.....	28.53	.....
Town Histories	.....	10.00	.....

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
Sale of Old Lumber		60.00	.....
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	441.86	656.55	600.00
Cash on Hand to apply to Town			
Hall Kitchen and Toilets .....		.....	500.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Long Term Notes	2,000.00	7,000.00	.....
Temporary Loans	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Reg. at \$2	350.00	268.00	350.00
Total Revenues from all Sources except Property Taxes	\$8,708.68	\$17,124.27	\$11,045.91
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes			25,485.37

Purposes of Expenditures	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>			
*General Government:	\$4,500.00	.....	.....
*Town Officers' Salaries	\$680.00	\$680.00
*Town Officers' Expenses	791.50	800.00
*Election and Registration Expenses	69.72	200.00
*Forest Fire	200.80	200.80
*Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	218.98	220.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
*Town Clock	62.50	13.00
*Police Department	37.50	60.00
Fire Department	600.00	704.90	800.00
Moth Extermination—			
Blister Rust	400.00	800.00
*Refunds	94.40	.....
*Town Dump	32.50	25.00
*Vital Statistics	21.25	21.25
*Cost of Common	11.50	12.00
*Insurance	54.00	.....
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance:			
Summer	1,500.00	1,532.00	1,500.00

Purposes of Expenditures	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
Town Maintenance:			
Winter	2,500.00	2,778.26	4,000.00
*Street Lighting	.....	594.00	594.00
*General Expenses of Highway Department	.....	200.21	200.00
Gas Money	.....	2,446.78	1,789.40
Libraries	619.00	619.00	686.10
Public Welfare:			
*Auto Permits	.....	87.25	85.00
*Old Age Assistance	.....	1,190.36	1,350.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	10.00	.....	10.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	149.80	300.00
Water Holes	500.00	404.08	.....
Town Hall Kitchen and Toilets	500.00	.....	1,100.00
Unclassified:			
Town Audit	50.00	101.20	100.00
Monadnock Region	64.00	64.00	70.00
Interest:			
*On Temporary Loans and Long Term Notes	.....	177.03	250.00

Purposes of Expenditures	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction—			
Town's Share	2,000.00	4,000.00	.....
TRA Appropriation	.....	.....	749.53
Reserve fund for roads	.....	.....	1,000.00
New Lands and Buildings:			
Painting White Church	.....	.....	2,500.00
New Equipment:			
Reserve Fund	.....	.....	1,000.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	.....	.....	800.00
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>			
County Taxes	3,116.00	3,116.00	3,116.00
Payments to School Districts	9,620.75	6,120.75	10,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$26,729.75	\$27,961.07	\$36,531.28

* Indicates Town Charges.

INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings		\$534,655.00
Growing Wood and Timber		39,085.00
Electric Plants		24,050.00
Horses	51	6,025.00
Cows	208	29,010.00
Other Neat Stock	49	5,350.00
Sheep and Goats	123	5,700.00
Fowls	6,850	12,436.00
Portable Mills	3	3,700.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		600.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	5	515.00
Stock in Trade		42,390.00
Aqueducts		4,500.00
Total Valuation		<hr/> \$722,016.00
Total Valuation (Exclusive of soldiers'		
Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind)		708,016.00
Poll Taxes—196 at \$2.00		392.00
Amount of Taxes committed to Collector		25,880.58
Tax Rate		3.60
Amount Soldiers' Exemptions		14,000.00
No. inventories sent out, 275; No. inventories returned, 111		

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations	
Town Officers Salaries, Town Charges	\$4,500.00
Town Hall and Buildings	500.00
Fire Department	600.00
State Aid Construction	2,000.00
Town Maintenance	
(Summer \$1,500.00—Winter \$2,500.00)	4,000.00
Town Audit	50.00
Fire Special for construction of water holes	500.00
Libraries	619.00
Memorial Day	10.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	64.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
County Tax	3,116.00
School Tax	9,620.75
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Total Town and School Appropriations	\$729.75

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$930.67
Railroad Tax	19.48
Savings Bank Tax	97.60
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	450.00
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Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,497.75
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	\$25,232.00

Plus Overlay	648.58
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	<u>\$25,880.58</u>
Less Regular Poll Taxes, 196 at \$2.00	392.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	<u>\$25,488.58</u>
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$26,157.74
Regular Polls at \$2.00	392.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	<u>\$26,549.74</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

	Appro- priations	Spent	Balance	Over draft
Town Charges,	\$4,500.00	\$4,346.39	\$153.61	
include:				
Town Officers' Salaries				
Town Officers' Expenses				
Election and Registration				
Town Hall and Buildings				
Police Department				
Vital Statistics				
Street Lighting				
General Highway				
Old Age Assistance				
Interest				
Insurance				
Care and repairs				
of town clock				
Care of Town Dump				
Costs of Common				
Forest Fires				
Refunds				
Auto Permits				
Fire Department	600.00	704.90		104.90
Fire Department				
Water Holes	500.00	404.08	95.92	

Town Maintenance :

State Aid Const.	2,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Winter Highways	2,500.00	2,778.26	278.26
Summer Highways	1,500.00	1,532.80	32.80
Town Audit	50.00	101.20	51.20

Lands and Buildings :

Library	619.00	619.00	
Blister Rust Control		400.00	400.00
Town Hall Kitchen	100.00		100.00
Town Hall Toilets	400.00		400.00
Memorial Day	10.00		10.00
Monadnock Region	64.00	64.00	
Cemeteries	150.00	149.80	.20
County Tax	3,116.00	3,116.00	
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	\$16,109.00	\$18,129.18	\$2,020.18

Financial Report of the Town of Francestown in Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

ASSETS

Cash—In hands of treasurer	\$3,978.55	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Post War Roads	1,000.00	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Bounties, 1944, 1945, 1946 and 1947	375.50	
Special poll tax overpayment in 1946	117.00	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1946	213.22	
Levy of 1945	159.14	
As per auditors reports of Dec. 3, 1946—		
1944, \$131.90; 1943, \$153.91;	285.81	
1942, \$66.35; 1941, \$115.67;	322.21	
Previous years, \$140.19		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1947	2,293.32	
Levy of 1946	90.25	
Levy of 1945	40.03	
Previous Years—1944	17.49	
Total Assets		\$8,892.44
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		3,018.36
Grand Total		\$11,910.80
Net Debt—December 31, 1946	\$3,508.22	
Net Debt—December 31, 1947	3,018.36	
Decrease of Debt, of Surplus	489.96	

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Memorial Day Appro. 1947	\$10.00
Toilets and Kitchen at Town Hall	500.00

Due to School Districts:

Dog licenses	100.80
Balance of Appropriation	3,500.00

Capital Reserve Funds:

In Town treasury for Post War Roads	800.00
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Long Term Notes Outstanding::

First Nat'l Bank of Peterboro, Bridge and Bennington Road	6,000.00
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Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$11,910.80
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RECEIPTS

Current Revenue :

From Local Taxes :

Property taxes—Current Year	\$23,136.56
Poll taxes—Current Year—	
Regular at \$2	268.00
Total of Current Year's taxes collected and remitted	\$23,404.56
Property taxes—Previous Years,	
Includes polls	2,658.27
Interest received on taxes	57.04

From State :

For Class V Highway maintenance,	
Gas tax	1,657.00
Savings bank tax	92.98
Fighting forest fires	75.91

From Local Sources, Except Taxes :

Dog licenses	100.80
Business licenses and permits	1.50
Sale of two Town Histories	10.00
Rent of town property	196.00
Sale of old lumber	60.00
Filing fees	12.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 Permits	656.55

Receipts Other than Current Revenue :

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	6,000.00
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Long term notes during year	7,000.00
Refunds	102.19
Trust funds	100.00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$13,202.19
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$43,119.90
Cash on hand January 1, 1947	4,417.45
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Grand Total	\$47,537.35

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$680.00
Town officers' expenses	791.50
Election and registration expenses	69.72
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	218.98

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Dept., including care of tramps	37.50
Fire Dept., including forest fires	905.70
Moth extermination—Blister Rust	400.00
Bounties	154.50
Water holes	404.08

Health:

Vital statistics	21.25
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Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid, gas money	2,446.78
Town Maintenance (Summer, \$1,532.80) (Winter, \$2,778.26)	4,311.06
Street lighting	594.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	200.21

Libraries:

Libraries	619.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,190.36
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Recreation :

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	11.50
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Public Service Enterprises :

Cost of tax sales	6.63
Town clock	62.50
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	149.80
1944 History appro.	300.00

Unclassified :

Auto permits	87.25
Insurance	54.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	64.00
Taxes bought by town	195.22
Town dump	32.50

Interest :

Int. on tax sales	11.37
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	60.62
Paid on long term notes	105.04

Total Interest Payments	\$177.03
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Outlay for New Construction and
Permanent Improvements :

Highways and Bridges—State Aid construction	\$4,000.00
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Total Outlay Payments	4,000.00
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Indebtedness :

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$11,000.00
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Payments on long term notes	1,000.00	
Refunds	94.40	
Payments to trustees, trust funds	100.00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		12,194.40
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to County	\$3,116.00	
Payments to School Districts	10,063.33	
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Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions		13,179.33
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$43,558.80
Cash on hand December 31, 1947		3,978.55
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Grand Total		\$47,537.35

Schedule of Town Property

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	50.00
Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	5,014.60
Forestry Fire Department	577.34
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	3,500.00
Materials and Supplies	150.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	1,600.00
Dump	100.00
Town Garage Land	100.00
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Total	\$31,641.94

Inventory Fire Department Equipment

DEC. 31, 1947

Trucks:

Diamond T	1932	\$125.00
Ford	1930	150.00
White	1926	130.00

Pumps:

1 Portable (red)	200.00
1 Portable (black)	150.00
1 500 gallon	700.00
1 200 gallon	454.00
1 spare pump (parts)	3.00

Hose:

1,000 ft. 2½ inch	500.00
900 ft. 1½ inch	477.00
600 ft. 1½ inch	180.00
200 ft. booster hose	60.00
200 ft. garden hose	8.00
80 ft. 1½ inch suction	64.00
30 ft. 4 in. suction	75.00
Suction hose and caps	42.00
2 4 in. box strainers	40.00
2 1½ in. round strainers	5.00

Nozzles:

2 2½ in. S. O. nozzles	40.00
2 1½ in. fog nozzles	60.00
1 1 in. fog nozzle	35.00
2 1½ in. S. O. nozzles	30.00
2 Siamise	40.00
1 Siren	400.00

Miscellaneous Equipment:

114 ft. ladder	55.00
2 foamites	40.00
2 soda acids	30.00
3 water tanks (cap. 300 gals.)	100.00
2 raincoats	5.00
1 tire pump	5.00
1 battery charger	6.00
2 oil barrels	3.00

2 spare tires	75.00
3 sets of chains	40.00
2 electric lanterns	3.00
small tools, adeptors, etc.	300.00
Coal	25.00
2 pike poles	2.00
1 grapple	1.00
1 First Aid Kit and one stretcher ; donated by Red Cross	
1 chimney hook and nozzle	7.00
2 1½ in. valves	6.00
1 hydrometer	1.50
4 foamite rechargers	2.50
8 soda acid chargers	2.80
2 hose reels	120.00
12 1½ in. couplings	10.80
siren, spot light, etc.	80.00
3 relief valves	90.00
1 ice chisel	1.00
1 circulating heater	5.00
Total	<hr/> \$5,014.60

To the best of our knowledge this equipment is in good operating condition.

NORMAN STEWART

Chief

Inventory Forest Fire Department Equipment

December 31, 1947

17 Back pumps	\$111.00
3 Electric head lamps	3.39

18 Shovels	18.00
6 Axes	6.00
6 Council tools	6.00
6 Pulsky tools	9.00
1 Cross cut saw	7.50
6 Lanterns	6.00
24 Pails	7.20
2 Canteens	2.00
1 Water bag	4.00
3 Fire brooms	2.25
1 Portable pump	395.00
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Total	\$577.34

To the best of our knowledge this equipment is in good operating condition.

VICTOR L. WHITE,
Forest Fire Chief

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CLARENCE C. JONES,
CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
Selectmen

JOAN A. BIXBY, *Treasurer*

December 31, 1947

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits :

January	\$63.78
February	73.08
March	249.92
April	97.75
May	43.92
June	6.90
July	43.17
August	23.11
September	4.86
October	24.76
November	11.16
December	14.14

219 Permits issued

\$656.55

Dog Licenses :

40 Male and spayed dogs

at \$2.00 \$80.00

6 Female dogs at \$5.00 30.00

\$110.00

Paid out :

Commission on 46 dogs

at \$.20 \$9.20

9.20

100.80

Pistol permits	\$1.50	
Declaration of candidacy	12.00	
Town History	10.00	
	<hr/>	23.50
Total Receipts		<hr/> \$780.85

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN A. BIXBY,
Town Clerk

Ending December 31, 1947

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

	Dr.	
	Levy of 1947	
Warrant		\$25,880.58
Added taxes		4.00
Interest		.57
		\$25,885.15

	Cr.	
Paid Treasurer		\$23,494.23
Abatements		97.60
		\$23,591.83
Uncollected		2,293.32
		\$25,885.15

	Levy of 1945	
	Dr.	
Uncollected		\$40.03

	Levy of 1944	
	Dr.	
Uncollected taxes		\$22.49

	Cr.	
Paid Treasurer		\$5.00
Uncollected		17.49
		\$22.49

Levy of 1946

Dr.

Uncollected	\$283.97
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Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$179.72
Abatements	14.00

\$193.72

Uncollected	\$90.25
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Tax Sales Redeemed

Levy of 1945

	Tax	Int.	Cost	Total
Alden R. Udall	\$148.18	\$8.75	\$2.21	\$159.14

Levy of 1941

	Tax	Int.	Cost	Total
Clarence Magoon Est.	\$35.02	\$2.63	\$2.21	\$39.86

Levy of 1946

	Tax	Int.	Cost	Total
Chester Holt	\$3.68	\$1.18	\$2.21	\$6.07

Property Sold for Taxes

Levy of 1946

	Tax	Int.	Cost	Total
Alden R. Udall	\$167.62	\$9.78	\$2.21	\$179.61
Albert Bourgois	\$23.92	\$1.41	\$2.21	\$27.54
Chester Holt	\$3.68	\$1.18	\$2.21	\$6.07

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS,
Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1948	\$4,417.45
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Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector :

Levy of 1945 :

Property	\$349.83	
Polls. Reg.	12.00	
Polls, Spec.	15.00	
Interest	.46	
		\$377.29

Levy of 1946 :

Property	10.86	
Interest	.37	
		11.23
		\$388.52

Less :

Levy of 1944 over	\$14.90	
Levy of 1946 over	87.61	
		102.51

Net amount of remittance	286.01
Collector of Tax List, 1944 property	\$5.00

5.00

Collector of Tax List, 1945 property	\$150.14	
Collector of Tax List, 1945 interest	12.72	
		171.86
Collector of Tax List, 1946 polls	\$64.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1946 property	2,050.28	
Collector of Tax List, 1946 interest	43.75	
Collector of Tax List, 1946 added	93.84	
		2,251.87
Collector of Tax List, 1947 polls	\$268.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1947 property	23,136.56	
Collector of Tax List, 1947 interest	.57	
		23,405.13
Joan A. Bixby, Clerk:		
Auto Permits	\$656.55	
Dog Licenses	100.80	
Pistol Permits	1.50	
Declaration of Candidacy	12.00	
Town Histories	10.00	
		780.85
Loans:		
Souhegan National Bank	\$2,000.00	
Souhegan National Bank	2,000.00	
Souhegan National Bank	2,000.00	
First National Bank of Peterboro	5,000.00	
First National Bank of Peterboro	2,000.00	
		13,000.00
Rentals:		
Town Hall	\$187.00	
		187.00

Trust Funds:

B. W. Smith Cemetery Fund	\$100.00	
	<hr/>	100.00

State Treasurer:

Forest Fire	\$48.26	
Savings Bank tax	92.98	
Interest and Dividends Tax	935.10	
Gas Tax	1,657.00	
Rebate on Pine Blister	.80	
State of N. H.	27.65	
	<hr/>	2,761.79

Unclassified:

F. Foote & C. Cilley, old lumber	\$60.00	
G. H. Bixby Memorial Library, paid loan	72.50	
Packard, Inc., rebate on fire siren	.36	
Andrew Clark, use of Town tractor	9.00	
Roger Clark, rebate on insurance	28.53	
	<hr/>	170.39

Total Receipts	\$47,537.35	
Total Payments	43,558.80	
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Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1948	\$3,978.55	

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN A. BIXBY,
Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property	\$23,218.56
Polls	186.00
Property and polls, previous years	2,658.27
Gas tax	1,657.00
Forest Fire Acct.	75.91
Savings bank tax	92.98
Interest and Dividend tax	935.10
Rebate Pine Blister Rust Acct.	.80
Dog Licenses	100.80
Pistol Permits	1.50
Filing Fees	12.00
Rebate on siren	.36
Repayment by Library of 1946 Loan	72.50
Rebate on Town Help Insurance	28.53
Rent of Town Hall	196.00
Interest Received	57.04
Trust Funds	100.00
Auto Permits	656.55
Town Histories	10.00
Sale of Old Lumber	60.00
Temporary Loans	6,000.00
Term Notes	7,000.00
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Total 1947 Receipts	\$43,119.90
Cash on hand January 1, 1947	4,417.45
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Grand Total	\$47,537.35

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries:

Clarence C. Jones, Selectman	\$150.00
Carl D. Abbott, Selectman	150.00
Leon E. Hoyt, Selectman	150.00
Joan A. Bixby, Town Clerk	60.00
Joan A. Bixby, Town Treasurer ..	40.00
Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector ..	100.00
Arthur J. Miller, Overseer of Poor	30.00

\$680.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Clarke Press, Town Reports	\$341.90
Carroll F. Clark, postage on Town Reports	9.30
Joan A. Bixby, Clerk expense 1946	6.38
N. H. Assessors' Association, dues 1946 and 1947	4.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., sup- plies	19.52
E. L. Johnson, officers' expenses, 1946	4.68
Joan A. Bixby, auto permits and postage	17.92
Wheeler & Clark, Selectman's stamp	2.03
Donat Corriveau, Reg. of Deeds and Mortgages	14.95
Wilfred Boisclair, names probated	.20
Carroll F. Clark, Town Officers' Bonds	72.00

Carroll F. Clark, Ins. on town help	151.02
Sargent Bros., Tax Collector's supplies	11.21
Div. of Municipal Accts., Town Audit 1947	101.20
Clarence C. Jones, postage, Tel., trip to Keene, dinners and perambulating New Boston line	15.50
Carl D. Abbott, attending Tax Comm. meeting and perambulating Deering Line	8.00
Rodney G. Mills, postage	5.00
F. H. Colburn & Co., office supplies	6.69

791.50

Election and Registration:

Leon E. Hoyt, services as Moderator, 3 meetings 1946	\$15.00
Donald E. Hoyt, services as Election officer 1945 and 1946	12.00
Arthur J. Miller, as Supervisor ..	8.00
The Cabinet Press, printing ballots	11.72
C. Gladys St. John, services as ballot clerk	4.00
L. E. Dow, services as election officer	4.00
Leon E. Hoyt, Moderator 1947 ..	5.00
Gladys Vadney, Election Officer ..	4.00
Rodney G. Mills, Supervisor	6.00

69.72

Town Hall:

Public Service Co., lights	\$55.80
W. W. Adrian, Town Hall expense	21.00

Carl D. Abbott, 4 cords wood, 1 cord kindling	79.00
Francestown Electric & Water Co., water for town hall	15.00
Gladys C. Vadney, services as Jan- itor 1947	35.00
Robert B. Fish, plumbing at Town Hall	8.10
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies for town hall	5.08

218.98

Police Department:

Victor L. White, police duty	\$32.50
Arthur J. Miller, care of tramps ..	5.00

37.50

Fire Department, including Forest Fire:

Arthur J. Miller, janitor	\$91.00
Arthur J. Miller, janitor, supplies and labor	72.89
P. H. Saltmarsh, coal	121.13
Public Service Co., lights	16.40
Norman Stewart, canvas pump cover	2.00
Dr. S. Fraser, professional services	2.00
James A. Coffin, hose for fire dept. and supplies	249.00
C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs on equipment, etc.	17.34
O. B. Maxwell Co., 5 gals. drench	19.06
F. H. Colburn & Co., gas and sup- plies	15.25

Victor L. White, forest fire acct. . .	151.81
N. H. Forestry Dept., supplies . .	48.99
Francetown Fire Dept., supplies and repairs	35.68
Packard Inc., parts for installing fire siren	25.35
N. H. State Fireman's Assn. Ins. on 30 men	30.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephoning during emergency	7.80

905.70

Water Holes Account:

A. J. Miller, labor, material and cash paid out	\$268.40
Arthur Whitcomb, use of power shovel	104.00
William Basset, work on water holes	31.68

404.08

Bounties:

George St. John, 72 at 50c	\$36.00
Ernest L. Johnson, 11 at 50c	5.50
Clarence C. Jones, 103 at 50c	51.50
Carl D. Abbott, 74 at 50c	37.00
Leon E. Hoyt, 20 at 50c	10.00
Leo St. John, 29 at 50c	14.50

\$154.50

Vital Statistics:

Joan A. Bixby, town clerk	\$19.50
S. Fraser, M.D.	1.75

\$21.25

Town Maintenance :

Clayton F. Foote, Road Agent, Summer Highways :

Payroll	\$1,449.40	
Paid by Selectmen, withholding tax	76.40	
Paid by Selectmen, Geo. Hoyt, drawing bridge plank	7.00	
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		\$1,532.80

Clayton F. Foote, Road Agent, Winter Highways :

Payroll	\$2,191.18	
Paid by Selectmen, withholding tax	35.90	
Paid Noble Pearson, breaking roads	121.50	
Paid Hob & Nob Farm, breaking roads	54.00	
Paid Henry E. Worcester	129.38	
Paid Valley View Farm	91.50	
Paid Joe Thompson's Garage, re- pairs	149.10	
Paid Clark Wilcox Co., parts	4.20	
Paid C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs .	1.50	
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		\$2,778.26

Clayton F. Foote, Road Agent, Gas Money :

Payroll	\$1,978.58	
Paid by Selectmen, bridge plank ..	426.90	
Paid by Selectmen, withholding tax	41.30	
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		\$2,446.78

General Highway :

P. H. Saltmarsh, wood for tractor house	\$36.00
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Farm Bureau, insurance on town tractor	40.96	
Town of New Boston, second hand road machine	90.00	
Norman Stewart, burning town dump	17.25	
George L. Hoyt, drawing bridge plank	16.00	
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		\$200.21
Street Lighting:		
Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$594.00	
Libraries:		
Geo. Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, 1947 appro.	\$619.00	
Old Age Assistance:		
State of N. H.	\$1,190.36	
Parks and Playgrounds:		
Monadnock Region Association	\$64.00	
A. J. Miller, mowing common	\$11.50	
Cemeteries:		
A. E. Holt, labor and cash paid out	\$93.25	
R. G. Mills, labor on cemeteries ..	39.95	
Victor L. White, labor on cemeteries	3.00	
Otis Higgins, labor on cemeteries .	13.60	
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		\$149.80
Care of Town Clock:		
R. G. Mills	\$13.00	
Howard Clocke Co., repairs	49.50	
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		\$62.50

Taxes Bought by Town:	
Rodney G. Mills	\$195.22
Cost of Tax Sale:	
Rodney G. Mills	\$6.63
Interest:	
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, Int. on demand notes	\$60.62
First Nat'l Bank, Peterborough, long term notes	105.04
Rodney G. Mills, Int. on tax sales	11.37
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	\$177.03
Trust Funds:	
Trustees of Trust Funds, B. W. Smith Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
1944 History Appropriation:	
Paul Bradbury, Treas. of History Comm.	\$300.00
Auto Permits:	
Joan A. Bixby, Clerk	\$87.25
Insurance:	
Levi M. Bixby, Agent, Ins. on library and contents	\$54.00
Town Dump:	
Norman Stewart, burning town dump	\$7.50
Joe Quinn, bulldozer, clearing dump	25.00
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	\$32.50
State Aid Construction:	
State of N. H. Bennington Road, construction	\$4,000.00

Refunds:

Tractor tax refund of 1944,	
Gunner Peterson	\$15.60
Tractor tax refund of 1944,	
Hob & Nob Farm	42.40
Tractor tax refund of 1944,	
E. L. Johnson	15.60
Tractor tax refund of 1944,	
Henry E. Worcester	20.80

\$94.40

Blister Rust Control:

N. H. Forestry Dept.	\$400.00
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Temporary Loans:

Souhegan Nat'l Bank, 1946 Tempo-	
rary Loans	\$5,000.00
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, 1947 Tempo-	
rary Loans	6,000.00

\$11,000.00

Long Term Notes:

First Nat'l Bank, Peterborough ..	\$1,000.00
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County Tax:

Hillsborough County Treasurer,	
1947 County Tax	\$3,116.00

School District:

Lillian C. Stewart, Treas., Bal. 1946	
appro.	\$3,825.00
Dog Licenses	117.58
Lillian C. Stewart, Treas., 1947	
appro.	6,120.75

\$10,063.33

Total 1947 Payments \$43,558.80

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	3,978.55
Grand Total	<u>\$47,537.35</u>

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Summer Highway,

Clayton Foote, truck	\$186.00
Clark Wilcox Co., repairs	4.20
I. H. Vadney, gas	92.18
Norman Stuart, express	1.00
Pearl Abbott, gravel	2.40
Daniels' Garage, gas, oil and repairs	56.11
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., repairs on tractor and culverts	117.10
Ray Road equipment, scraper, blades and tools	42.47
C. F. Clark, gas	11.29
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Total	\$1,449.40
Pd. by Selectmen, withholding tax	76.40
Pd. by Selectmen, drawing bridge plank	7.00
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	\$1,532.80

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$336.60
Carl Cilley	53.25
Clifton Foote	285.90
Leslie Vadney	35.90
Bryant Abbott	14.25
Raymond Cilley	9.00
George St. John	22.80
Robert St. John	109.40
Clayton Philbrick	7.50
Robert Foote	2.80
Carl Abbott	3.75

Clayton Hobbs	42.00
Otis Higgins	6.75
Bustin Dunlop	6.75

Gas Money:

Gas and Repairs:

Daniels' Garage	\$115.55
John Downing	11.00
Ray Road equipment	11.85
C. F. Clark	60.44
I. H. Vadney	42.77
Hume Pipe Co., gravel	24.72
Mrs. William Cole	1.00
Carl D. Abbott	6.60
Pearl Abbott	21.80
Carl Cilley	4.20

Total	\$1,978.58
Pd. by Selectmen for bridge plank	426.90
Pd. by Selectmen, withholding tax	41.30

\$2,446.78

Labor:

Clayton Foote	\$207.95
Clifton Foote	265.10
Robert St. John	250.75
Clayton Hobbs	12.00
Leslie Vadney	99.75
Philip Riddle	23.80
Robert Foote	2.80
Norman Stuart	2.25
Oliver St. John	180.30
George St. John	12.80
Lester Foote	84.40

Trucks :

Clayton Foote	\$412.00
Noble Pearson	84.00
Harwood	10.00
Oliver St. John	3.75

Bridge stringers :

Ollin Youdell	7.00
George E. Kunhart	20.00

Winter Highway :

December

Labor :

Clayton Foote	\$151.00
Clifton Foote	60.20
Norman Stuart	18.40
Clayton Hobbs	79.00
Harry Varnum	37.00
Charles Champagne	41.00

Truck :

Clayton Foote	\$189.00
Ray Road Equipment and fence posts	20.11
Clifton Foote, trip to Boston	5.00

Total	<hr/> \$2,191.18
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Paid by Selectmen, tax	\$14.50
Noble Pearson, plowing snow	121.50
Cragin, repairs	1.50
Hob & Nob, plowing snow	54.00
Worcester, plowing snow	130.38
Valley View Farm, plowing snow	91.50
Thompson's Garage	149.10

Clark Wilcox	4.20
Tax	21.40
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Total by Selectmen	587.08
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Total	\$2,778.26
January, February, March	
Truck :	
Clayton Foote	\$419.50
Pearl Abbott, gravel	15.00
C. F. Clark, gas	38.19
I. H. Vadney	69.45
Daniels' Garage, repairs	20.00
Elm City Gain Co., salt	38.00
Labor :	
Clayton Foote	\$283.00
Carl Cilley	34.50
Clifton Foote	2.25
Israel Vadney	119.70
William Bassett	94.00
William Cole	68.60
Charles Champagne	137.63
Clayton Hobbs	13.75
Clarence Edwards	15.00
Harry Varnum	12.00
Bryant Abbott	20.00
Arthur Miller	3.75
Norton Brown	9.00
Stuart Clark	39.70
Lester Foote	59.25
Charles Lord	50.95
Leslie Vadney	10.35
Norman Stuart	5.00
Eugene Creighton	11.90

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

September 25, 1947

Board of Selectmen

Francestown, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the vote of the town the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown has been made by this Division. This audit covered the period from July 26, 1946, date of the previous audit, to July 31, 1947. The Tax Collector's accounts were audited as of September 2, 1947. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is submitted herewith. The report is made up in two sections as follows:

Section I —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1946

Section II—Period January 1 to July 31, 1947

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets December 31, 1945—December 31, 1946:

(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1945 and December 31, 1946, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein a change in financial condition of \$4,584.90 took place during the year which started with a Net Surplus of \$1,-076.68, and closed with a Net Debt of \$3,508.22.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

(Exhibit B)

The factors which affected the change in the financial condition of the town during the year were as follows:

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE

LOSSES

Long Term Notes Issued	\$5,000.00	
Decrease of Cash in Hands of Road		
Agent and Town Clerk	76.00	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	923.60	
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		\$5,999.60

GAINS

Net Budget Surplus	\$1,414.24	
Interest—In Hands of Collector	.46	
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		1,414.70

<i>Net Change in Financial Condition</i>		<hr/> \$4,584.90
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Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

(Exhibits C and D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1946, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary a net revenue surplus of \$1,271.69, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$142.55, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$1,414.24.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures:

(Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1946, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of July 31, 1947, is indicated in Exhibit Q.

TAX ACCOUNTS

The tax warrant and tax sales accounts of Collector Mills were audited. A balance remittance of \$286.01, made as of September 2, 1947, adjusted the tax warrant accounts for the levies of 1944, 1945 and 1946, as follows:

Due Town :

Unremitted Collections—Levy of 1945	\$377.29
Unrecorded Collections—Levy of 1946	10.86
Unrecorded Interest—Levy of 1946	.37
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	\$388.52

Less :

Excess Remittance—Levy of 1946 (Exhibit S)	\$87.61
Excess Remittance—Levy of 1944 (Exhibit H)	14.90
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	102.51

Balance Due and Paid September 2, 1947	<hr/> \$286.01
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A summarized statement of the Collector's tax sale account for the levies of 1945 and prior years, as of December 31, 1946, is presented in Exhibit J. No activity in this account was noted between January 1, 1947 and September 2, 1947.

A statement of the special poll tax account as of September 2, 1947, is included in Exhibit X. As indicated therein an over-remittance of \$117.00 has been made by the Town to the State Treasurer on account of special poll taxes.

TOWN CLERK

The motor vehicle permit and dog license accounts of the Town Clerk were examined. An excess remittance of \$8.48 by the Clerk in 1946 (Exhibit L) has been adjusted in the 1947 account (Exhibit Y).

The small balance of \$1.12, in the hands of the former Town Clerk, should be turned over to the Treasurer in order that this account may be closed (Exhibit K).

ROAD AGENT

Payrolls of the Road Agent for the period January 1, 1947 to July 31, 1947, were examined and found to be properly signed by employees and supported by receipted bills for purchases of materials. The signed payrolls for the period from August 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946, were not available at the time of audit.

The small balance of \$13.32, which has remained in the Road Agent's account since last year, should be turned over to the Town Treasurer.

TRUST FUNDS

The principal and unexpended income of the Cemetery, Educational, Library and Capital Reserve Funds, was verified by an examination of the savings bank books and securities. Summarized statements of Trust Fund principal, income and investments, are included in Exhibits N and O.

GENERAL COMMENTS

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:

By vote of the town in successive years, 1944, 1945 and 1946, a capital reserve fund amounting to \$1,800.00 has been established. In 1946, \$1,000.00 of this fund was turned over to the Trustees of Trust Funds. The balance of \$800.00 should be paid to the Trustees and remain in their custody as required by law.

TAX COLLECTOR:

The recording of tax collections and redemptions from tax sales in the cash book, as well as posting such accounts to the tax warrant and tax sale record book, should be kept up to date at all times.

Remittances should be made to the Town Treasurer at least monthly as required by law.

All funds in the Collector's hands should be remitted at the close of the fiscal year, December 31st.

Tax deeds should be given by the Collector to the town on property in cases where the two year redemption period has expired. Exhibit J (Summary of Tax Sale Account) indicates that there is a considerable amount of such unredeemed taxes from tax sales on account of the levies of 1943 and prior years.

TOWN CLERK:

The Town Clerk should keep a cash book record of all motor vehicle permits and dog licenses issued.

CONCLUSION:

With exceptions as herein noted, the accounts and records of all town officials which were examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to the uniform system prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the inclusion of Exhibits is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Francestown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, *Director.*

Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission.

HERBERT E. HUNT, *Auditor*

HUGH J. CASSIDY, *Accountant*

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire
September 25, 1947

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Franconia for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1946, and the period from January 1 to July 31, 1947, and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, *Director*,
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

HERBERT E. HUNT, *Auditor*
HUGH J. CASSIDY, *Accountant*

Exhibit A

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Comparative Balance Sheets

December 31, 1945 and December 31, 1946

ASSETS

	December 31, 1945	December 31, 1946
Cash on Hand:		
Treasurer	\$2,923.53	\$4,417.45
Tax Collector	571.63	362.39
Road Agent	90.14	13.32
Town Clerk	.30	1.12
Accounts Due Town:		
Rent of Town Hall	24.00	24.00
State of New Hampshire Bounties	193.50	273.00
Interest and Dividend, Railroad and Savings Bank Tax	923.60	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1942	4.25	4.25
Levy of 1943	88.85	22.49
Levy of 1945	1,655.21	40.03
Levy of 1946		2,127.85
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1941	115.67	115.67

Levy of 1942	66.35	66.35
Levy of 1943	153.91	153.91
Levy of 1944	124.55	
Levy of 1945		159.14
Previous Years	140.19	140.19
Capital Reserve Fund:		
Post War Roads		1,000.00
Special Poll Taxes:		
Overpayment to State		117.00
Total Assets	\$7,075.68	\$9,038.16
Net Debt		3,508.22
Grand Total	\$7,075.68	\$12,546.38
Liabilities		
	December 31, 1945	December 31, 1946
School District	\$3,344.00	\$3,450.00
Dog Licenses		117.58
Unexpended Balances of		
Appropriations:		
Town Histories	300.00	300.00
Lands and Buildings		1,860.80
Fire Department	1,000.00	
Capital Reserve Fund:		
Post War Roads	800.00	1,800.00
Special Poll Taxes:		
Collected	438.00	
Uncollected	117.00	18.00

Long Term Indebtedness		5,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$5,999.90	\$12,546.38
Surplus	1,076.68	
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Grand Total	\$7,075.68	\$12,546.38

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Moderator,	Mr. Clarence E. Farrar	March, 1948
Clerk,	Mrs. Lillian Stewart	March, 1948
Treasurer,	Mrs. Lillian Stewart	June, 1948
Auditor,	Mr. Ernest L. Johnson	March, 1948

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Doris Basset, Chairman	March, 1948
Mr. F. Russell Abbott	March, 1949
Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March, 1950

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Vernon S. Ames, Wilton, N. H., to August 1, 1947
Mr. Newell J. Paire, Wilton, N. H., from August 1, 1947

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1947-1948

Grammar: Mr. Theodore Blanchard
Primary: Miss Lilla Tuttle

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1947-1948:

January 5 to March 19	11 weeks
April 5 to June 11	10 weeks
Holiday: May 31	

1948-1949

September

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March 1948, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise \$300 for the purpose of purchasing school furniture.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise \$250.00 for the purpose of installing lights in the basement of the school building.

Given under our hands at said Francetown this 21st day of January, 1948.

DORIS C. BASSET,
F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DORIS C. BASSET,
F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
School Board

Financial Report of the Francestown School District

Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1946, and
Ending June 30, 1947

SUMMARY

Salaries of district officers	\$113.00
Superintendent's excess salary	199.67
Truant officer and census	10.00
Expenses of administration	159.62
Teachers' salaries	3,250.80
Textbooks	114.11
Scholars' Supplies	119.39
Other expenses of instruction	26.24
Janitor's salaries	253.00
Fuel	315.13
Water, light, janitors' supplies	86.80
Minor repairs	184.76
Health supervision	154.96
Transportation of pupils	2,123.00
Tuition—Elementary and secondary	1,066.53
Other special activities	6.30
Insurance	84.00
Teacher Retirement	106.00
New Equipment	9.70
Payments of principal of debt	500.00
Payments of interest on debt	140.00
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Total payment for all purposes	\$9,023.01
Cash on hand July 1, 1947	57.44
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Receipts	\$9,080.45

State Aid	197.44	
Selectmen from local taxation and special appropriation	8,369.00	
Sources other than taxation	279.43	
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Total receipts from all sources		\$8,845.87
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1946		234.58
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		\$9,080.45

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Administration:

C. Gladys St. John	\$40.00	
Salary as School Board Member		
Doris C. Basset	25.00	
Salary as School Board Member		
F. Russell Abbott	25.00	
Salary as School Board Member		
Lillian C. Stewart	3.00	
Salary as Clerk		
Lillian C. Stewart	20.00	
Salary as Treasurer		
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		\$113.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary:

William Koegal	\$199.67	
Treasurer of Supervisory Union No. 63		
Truant Officer and School Census	10.00	

Expense of Administration	147.82	
Supervisory Union No. 63		
G. A. Reynolds	5.00	
Bond for School Treasurer		
Lillian C. Stewart	6.80	
Postages and Envelopes		
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		369.29

Instruction:

Principals' and Teachers' Salaries:

Theodore Blanchard	\$1,900.00	
Lilla M. Tuttle	1,180.00	
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	\$3,080.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue ..	114.80	
Teachers' Retirement	56.00	
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		3,250.80

Text Books:

Scott Foresman & Co.	\$53.65	
Charles Scribners & Sons	1.05	
Ginn & Co.	25.26	
Webster Publishing Co.	1.98	
Arlo Publishing Co.	4.61	
Beckley Cardy & Co.	4.72	
Row Peterson & Co.	7.46	
Laidlow Brothers	11.78	
Vernon S. Ames	3.60	
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		114.11

Scholars' Supplies:

Boslitch Northeast, Inc.	\$2.12
Scott Foresman & Co.	11.99

Edward Babb & Co.	25.20
Junior Scholastic	9.45
Laidlow Brothers .....	.40
J. B. Lippincott Co.	3.37
Vernon S. Ames	6.99
American Education Press	11.60
John G. Tracy	7.99
J. H. Hammett & Co.	13.66
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	26.62

119.39

Flags and Appurtenances:

J. L. Hammett & Co.	5.68
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5.68

Other Expense of Instruction:

Otis Wakefield	\$1.20
Edward E. Babb Co.	3.06
Noble & Noble Publishing, Inc. ...	1.27
O. H. Toothaker	7.58

20.56

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor Service, Yvonne Creighton	\$253.00
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253.00

Fuel:

Draper Fuel Co.	\$315.13
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315.13

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$29.48
West Disinfecting Co.	2.66
I. H. Vadney	2.80
Francetown Electric & Water Co.	40.00
West Company	11.86

86.80

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Wilton Lumber Co.	\$6.80
Packard, Inc.	3.12
W. A. Creighton	66.00
Yvonne Creighton	35.10
Warren Refining & Chemicals	4.10
John B. Varick Co.	13.19
Du-Ev. Products Co.	56.45

184.76

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Medical Inspection, Ola Myhaver .	\$154.96
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154.96

Transportation of Pupils:

Arthur Lord	\$1,168.20
Frank Jones	778.80
Franklin Hadley	176.00

2,123.00

High School Tuition:

New Boston School District	\$866.53
Peterborough School District	200.00

1,066.53

Other Special Activities:

Edward E. Babb Co.	\$6.30	
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Fixed Charges:

Insurance, Levi M. Bixby, Agent . . .	\$84.00	
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Per Capita Tax:

F. G. Kimball, Treasurer	\$106.00	
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Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

New Equipment:

Packard, Inc.	\$4.95	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4.75	
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Dept. Service:

Payment on Principal of Dept. . .	\$500.00	
Souhegan National Bank		
Payment on Interest	140.00	
Souhegan National Bank		
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Total Expenditures	\$9,023.01
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Respectfully submitted,

DORIS C. BASSET,
F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct.

ELEANOR GLEASON CUTTER,
Auditor

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Cash in the bank July 1, 1946	\$234.58
Received from Selectmen 1945-46 Appropriation	44.00
Received from Selectmen 1946-47 Appropriation	8,000.00
State Aid	197.44
Received from Lyndeboro for Tuition	144.00
Sale of Coal	17.85
Dog Tax	442.58
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$9,080.45
Less School Board orders paid	9,023.01
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Balance in bank June 30, 1947	\$57.44

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN C. STEWART,
District Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1946		\$234.58
Received from Selectmen, appropriations:		
For Current Year	\$8,325.00	
Balance of Previous Appropriation	44.00	
Dog Tax	117.58	
Received from State Treasurer	197.44	
Received from all other sources	161.75	
Total amount available for fiscal year		9,080.45
Less school board orders paid		9,023.01
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1947		57.44

LILLIAN STEWART,
District Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francestown, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

ELEANOR GLEASON CUTTER

July 1, 1947

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FRANCESTOWN

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' Salaries	\$4,575.00
Textbooks	175.00
Scholars' Supplies	175.00
Flags and Appurtenances	10.00
Other expenses of instruction	125.00
Janitor service	285.00
Fuel	325.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	125.00
Minor repairs	90.00
Health supervision	190.00
Transportation of pupils	2,268.00
Other special activities	35.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	113.00
Truant officer and school census	10.00
Payment of tuition in H. S. and Academies	1,764.00
Superintendent's excess salary	202.00
Per capita tax	110.00
Payment of district debt	500.00
Interest on district debt	132.00

Expenses of administration	180.00
New equipment	120.00
Insurance	85.00
Teachers' retirement	105.00

Total amount required to meet school board's budget	\$11,703.00
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Estimated Income of District:

State Aid	\$729.00
Dog tax	100.00
Elementary school tuition	150.00

979.00

Total assessment required to cover budget	\$10,724.00
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REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Frankestown:

I respectfully submit my first annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Advances in Education in New Hampshire.

No single event in the history of education in the State of New Hampshire has had such influence on the educational picture of our state as the State Aid Law passed by our Legislature in the late spring of 1947. This legislation, prompted by the investigation of the Interim Commission established in 1945 to study the educational needs of New Hampshire, and the untiring efforts of our Commissioner of Education, and the many loyal supporters of public education, increased state financial aid to local school districts approximately 400%.

The purpose of the bill was to equalize educational opportunities and to improve public elementary and high schools in New Hampshire by making funds available to those school districts in the state that were operating on meager budgets and were unable to offer the education they desired. It was interesting to note, that during the special school district meetings held in July 1947, over 90% of state aid funds was voted by the towns to be used for educational purposes. No portion of state aid funds for the school year 1947-48 could be used for payment of interest, debt or other capital expenditures.

To review the manner in which the state aid law functions, the following is presented.

State aid is based on the exact average daily membership of each public school in New Hampshire, or each approved school, in New Hampshire, or in an adjoining state, with all pupils credited to their district of residence for the payment of state aid. Under the law, aid can be given to districts only for pupils for whose education the district is legally responsible.

The state aid law apportions the aid in two categories, *equalization* and *general aid*. In applying the equalization formula, a required program is set up allowing \$1800 for each approved one-room school with at least six grades, \$75 for all other elementary pupils, and \$100 for each high school student. Under the provisions of the act, the local school district's share in the program is six-tenths of one per cent of its equalized valuation, which is subtracted from the total formula program share, with the remainder paid by the state as equalization aid. After the requirements of the equalization have been met, and one per cent set aside for emergencies, the remainder of the fund is prorated on the basis of average daily membership, on a ratio of three to four for elementary and high school respectively. For the purposes of general aid, the average daily membership of the one-room schools is added to the average daily membership of the other elementary pupils. A summary of the computation for the school district of Francestown is as follows:

I Equalization Aid:

One-room schools approved	at	\$1,800.00	
Other elementary pupils	45 at	75.00	\$3,375.00
Secondary students	9 at	100.00	900.00
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			\$4,275.00
Equalized Valuation (1947)	\$729,481.00		
Less \$6.00 Tax on Equalized Valuation			4,376.89
Total Equalization Aid			.....

II General Aid:

Elementary pupils	45 at	\$12.33	\$554.85
Secondary students	9 at	16.44	147.96

Total Aid—Available Dec. 1, 1947			\$702.81
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The amount of state aid available to the school districts will vary from year to year as the state enrollment of public school children increases or decreases.

The Cooperative School District Act passed by the State Legislature in the spring of 1947 makes it possible for local districts, through local initiative, to join together to establish more effective school units. While this act does not have the immediate impact on New Hampshire education that the State Aid Law had, nevertheless, it will perhaps be instrumental in changing the whole supervisory district organization in the years to come.

There are many advantages to the Cooperative School idea. A few of them are as follows. Larger districts make available greater funds with which to provide better buildings, instruction, materials of instruction and more varied programs. A cooperative school does not necessarily mean that education will be cheaper but that more services can be obtained for the dollar spent, consequently a cooperative school is more economical.

A cooperative school district poses many problems, the greatest being that of transportation. This problem, in most cases can be solved, by district owned and operated buses. North Carolina has been exceedingly successful in this respect. The town of Newport, N. H. has embarked upon a program of locally owned and operated buses and it is estimated that their total cost of operation will be approximately 25c per mile. In Supervisory Union No. 63 it is approximately 40c per mile.

Studies are being made in both the Wilton-Milford area and the Antrim-Bennington, Frankestown area on the Co-

operative School District idea. However, these studies are not far enough advanced to report upon at this time.

By an act of the State Board of Education on June 30, 1947 a program of minimum standards for teachers' salaries was approved. This action set the minimum of teachers' salaries in the State of New Hampshire at \$1700, this minimum increasing to \$2000, dependent upon the preparation and experience of the teacher.

The salary situation in New Hampshire has long needed improvement. In 1946-47 four towns were paying elementary teachers less than \$1200. \$1400-\$1500 was the minimum salary in thirty-two towns. Nine towns were paying from \$1600 to \$1800. The five towns in this group in our Union were paying from \$1200 to \$1650. A similar salary survey made in 1947-48 shows that no teacher in the state is getting less than \$1700 with the median about \$1850. This is true of the five towns mentioned in our Union.

However, even with this revision of salaries upward, our better teachers are being drained off to neighboring states or going into other employment.

Shortage of Teachers

The teacher shortage is still serious, particularly at the elementary level. However, there is a slight improvement over 1946-47.

For the nation as a whole it is probable that enrollments in "teacher-education" programs now approximate pre-war enrollments. However, many of these undergraduates will not be available for employment for two to three years. Unfortunately, also, the enrollments by states is not geared to the shortages. Relatively wealthy states, where salaries are high and the teacher shortage small, have higher teacher-education enrollments. It appears too, that enrollments are piling up in courses leading to regular secondary school certification when the greatest immediate demand is in elementary schools.

The State of New Hampshire needs approximately 150 new elementary teachers every year. This year there will be graduated from Keene Teachers College and Plymouth Teachers College approximately 30. In the fall of 1947 at Keene Teachers College 45 elected the elementary program and at Plymouth there were 20. Consequently, four years from now we will have 65 teachers available to take 150 or more teaching positions. To alleviate this situation, we have approximately 350 elementary teachers still working on war emergency permits.

The situation is not too encouraging.

School Costs

There does not appear to be any immediate relief in the cost of living today. Such increased costs are reflected in the school budgets of 1948-49. All school costs have risen but the most noticeable increase has been in the area of textbooks, scholars' supplies, teachers' salaries and tuition costs.

A survey recently completed by two supply houses indicates that since the fall of 1946 scholars' supplies have increased from 10% to 40%, textbooks from 20% to 30%, teachers' salaries approximately 6%.

Those increased costs have necessitated school boards to raise their tuition price. The state average for secondary school instruction for the year 1946-47 was \$138.89 per pupil. Most school districts are raising their tuition to \$135.00. This will not inflict a hardship on school districts with whom they have contracts and will more equally distribute the costs of instruction.

Budget

The budget presented for 1948-49 calls for an assessment of \$10,724, an increase of \$1,103.25 above the amount appropriated last year. This increase is reflected in tuition costs that amount to approximately \$400 over which the School Board has no control and in teachers' salaries which amounts

to \$425. The remaining \$278.25 is absorbed in normal increases in textbooks, scholars' supplies, fuel, etc.

The income of the district should remain about the same as last year. As was noted in the paragraph on State Aid, Francetown actually received from this source \$702.81, \$117.61 less than was estimated last year. The district should receive approximately \$729 in state aid for the year 1948-1949.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWELL J. PAIRE,
Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1947

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	10	7	9	4					30
Grammar					4	5	6	3	18
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Elsewhere:

Attending High School at Peterborough	2
Attending High School at New Boston	7

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	Percent of Attend- ance	Tardinesses Total	Per- Pupil
Primary	31.00	28.38	91.55	4	.12
Grammar	18.08	16.90	93.47	22	1.16
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Visits:

By School Board Members	10
By Superintendent	61
By Citizens	57

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Two Consecutive Terms: Charles Champagne and William Champagne

One Term: Violet Cilley, Stephanie Creighton, Eleanor Hoyt, Arthur Merrill, Florence Foote, Carl Hardwick, Beverly Champagne, Andrew Clark, Royal Cleaves, Judith Cutter, Clayton Foote, Walter Foote, Richard Hoyt, Lee Phillips, Robert Cutter, Wayne Robinson, James Champagne and Gene Clark

Statistics for First Eighteen Weeks 1947-1948

Census: (Ages 5-16)	Boys 37; Girls 27;	Total	64
Attending Francestown Schools		50	
Attending private school in Newton, Mass.		1	
Attending elementary school in Lynn, Mass.		1	

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	4	10	7	10					31
Grammar					4	4	5	6	19
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ATTENDANCE

Primary	35.71	32.58	91.2	16
Grammar	18.33	16.86	91.9	20

Continuation of Calendar:

1948-49: September 8 to November 23	12 weeks
November 29 to Decemer 23	4 weeks
January 3 to March 18	11 weeks
April 4 to June 17	11 weeks
March vacation dates subject to change	
Holidays: Nov. 11 and May 30	

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

January 2, 1947—December 31, 1947

Number of visits to schools	23
Home visits	19
Health examinations	49
Vision tests	55
Hearing tests—Feb. 13, Mar. 6, Dec. 16 with audiometer	100
Heights and weights of children	55

Defects found:

Defective teeth (temporary and permanent)	31
Enlarged tonsils	13
Defective vision	1
Eye strain	1
Defective hearing	1
Defective speech	2
Pediculosis and nits	6
Eyes should be re-examined and glasses refitted if necessary	3
10% underweight	9
20% overweight	2

Corrections made:

Dental	7
Eyes examined and glasses fitted	3
Wearing glasses	7

Health Services:

Dental clinic—at school—by Dr. Harvey Grimes June 6 and 9—No. examined	14
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	No. treated	13
Communicable Diseases :		
Measles		29
School closed March 11—March 31, 1947		

Miscellaneous :

- (a) Ivory Patrol Inspection project (Grs. 1-4) by the Classroom teacher.
- (b) Talks to grades about pediculosis and nits, two by the School Nurse.
- (c) Interviews—Parents, teachers, students and officials, by School Nurse.
- (d) First-aid cabinet supplies have been checked.
- (e) D.D.T. home care for pediculosis has been given by the School Nurse.
- (f) A Classroom physical growth chart has been made out for each room.
- (g) Parents of new students have been asked to fill out a disease census card.
- (h) Notices have been sent to parents of children having defects.
- (i) A health card is on file for each child.

I wish to express my appreciation to the teachers, parents, Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

OLA MYHAVER, R.N.

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cash Receipts for 1947

Jan. 1	Cash on hand	\$110.86
Jan. 7	Francestown Improvement Society	23.50
Jan. 16	Interest $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. Manning & Clark Fund	10.25
May 15	Interest on Alison B. Hill Fund	18.75
May 20	Town Appropriation	200.00
July 20	Interest $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. Manning & Clark Fund	10.25
	Benefit Bridge and Tea	98.37
Nov. 12	Penny Sale	37.35
Nov. 12	Town Appropriation	200.00
Dec. 1	Francestown Improvement Society	42.10
Dec. 31	Town Appropriation	219.00
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Total Receipts		\$970.43
Expenditures		828.23
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Cash on hand December 31, 1947		\$142.20

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN A. BIXBY
HENRY B. HILL
LILLIAN C. STEWART
Library Trustees

Cash Expenditures 1947

Jan. 16	Yvonne Creighton (cleaning)	3.90
Jan. 25	Open Road for Boys	3.00
Jan. 25	Personal Book Store, Inc.	19.34
Jan. 25	Goodman's Book Store	4.12
Feb. 20	Reader's Digest	5.00
Mar. 5	C. W. Lord (salary)	29.00
	Bank Charges	1.05
Apr. 14	Personal Book Store, Inc.	13.20
	C. M. Lord (salary)	16.50
	The Book Nook	23.87
	Reader's Digest	5.00
	Yankee	4.00
Apr. 29	The American Girl	3.00
May 15	Life	10.00
	Better Homes and Gardens	5.00
	The Book Nook	2.40
	Antiques	5.00
	Bank Charges	.65
May 20	Saturday Evening Post	10.00
	C. M. Lord (salary)	15.00
	Arthur Pinard (repairing ceiling)	70.00
June 4	C. M. Lord (salary)	16.50
July 14	C. M. Lord (salary)	14.00
	Personal Book Store, Inc.	30.91
Aug. 18	The Book Nook	20.24
	Personal Book Store, Inc.	33.31
	Goodman's Book Store	14.16
	C. M. Lord (salary)	15.00
	National Geographic Society	5.00
Aug. 20	Rodney G. Mills (janitor)	8.00
Oct. 10	C. M. Lord (salary)	30.50
14	A. W. Lord (janitor)	22.00
	Bank Charges	1.70
Dec. 1	Marion Higgins (cleaning)	1.20
	C. M. Lord (salary)	15.00

	W. A. Lord (wood)	76.00
	Gladys Vadney (cleaning)	4.55
	Personal Book Store, Inc.	43.40
	Selectmen (roof repairs)	72.50
Dec. 3	C. M. Lord (salary)	16.50
Dec. 18	Personal Book Store, Inc.	3.86
	The Book Nook	25.70
Dec. 26	Henry B. Hill (lock)	16.00
Dec. 31	Rodney G. Mills (janitor)	14.00
	C. M. Lord (salary)	15.00
	The Book Nook	15.38
	The Personal Book Store, Inc.	30.93
	Bank Charges	.40
	T. E. Bixby, III (labor and material gutter)	17.46
Total Expenditures		<hr/> \$828.23

BUDGET 1948

Librarian's Salary	\$236.60
Janitor's Salary	57.50
Cleaning	50.00
Books	100.00
Periodicals	50.00
Fuel	82.00
Supplies	10.00
Annual Repairs:	
repair back door	
glass for hall light	
pilot light	
shelves in back room	
plane doors	50.00
New Equipment	50.00
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	\$686.10

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN A. BIXBY,
HENRY B. HILL,
LILLIAN C. STEWART,
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947

Fine money:

Received from fines	\$27.01	
Received from sale of old books and magazines	6.14	
Received, gift	.85	
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Total receipts		\$34.00
Paid for supplies	\$5.20	
Paid for postage	3.24	
Paid for books	25.22	
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Total expenditures		33.66
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Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1947		\$.34

Books circulated during the year:

Fiction	1,782	
Non-fiction	717	
Juvenile	1,145	
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Total books		3,644
Magazines		1,560
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Total circulation		5,204

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Open Road

for Boys, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Time, Country Gentleman, Farm Journal, National Geographic, Yankee, Antiques.

Gift subscriptions :

Our Dumb Animals—Mrs. Packer

Jack and Jill—Miss Rand

Common Ground—Miss Rand

Story Parade—State Library

Troubadour—State Development Commission

Health—State Department of Health

"More Books"—Boston Public Library

Many books and magazines have been given by the following persons :

Mr. Sawyer, Judy Cutter, Stephanie Creighton, Miss Giles, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Shattuck, State Library, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Wright, Miss McLeod, State Historical Library, Marion Higgins, Miss McKinlay, Miss Hall, Mrs. H. B. Hill, Mrs. Wason, Mrs. Park, Miss Cutler, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Place, Mr. Littlejohn, Mrs. Steffian, Mr. Gray, W. A. Lord.

Twenty dollars was received in memory of Mr. McLeod and the money spent for books of permanent value.

The special bridge party held in the summer was sponsored by Mrs. Park and Mrs. Joan Bixby. Sixty-four books were bought with the proceeds.

The Improvement Society gave the Library the income from the Labor Day Carnival Doll Fund. Twenty-eight books were purchased with money and placed on display for two weeks before Christmas.

With the proceeds of the Penny Sale held in November a gutter was placed over the Library door and the lock repaired.

Mrs. Frances Hopkins has given the Library a framed photograph of the old soapstone quarry when it was in use. This gift stimulated the collecting of objects made of soapstone. We now have a number of unusual items including gem pans, a goblet and an image in Chinese soapstone. Have you anything to lend?

Mr. Kirkendall gave the Library an album of photographs taken of the Carnival. If anyone would like duplicates of these pictures they may be ordered from this collection.

Art Week was celebrated late in the summer and a great many beautiful works of art, paintings, drawings, silver, copper, rugs, lace and decorated tin were loaned by Mr. Bourne, Mr. Steffian, Miss Hirst, Mrs. Kunhardt, Mrs. Mundy, Miss McKinlay, Miss Hall, Mrs. Arthur Lord, Mrs. H. B. Hill, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Brous, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Agnes Cutter, Mrs. Cora Patch, Mrs. Dorothy Basset, Jane Basset, Susan Boyle, Mrs. Freese.

During the year more than two hundred books were borrowed from the State and other libraries.

There were many special exhibits held during the year, including one of foreign dolls loaned by the Currier Gallery of Manchester.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. LORD,
Librarian

Acknowledgment

The Town Fire Wards wish to thank the friends and citizens of Francetown for the help and cooperation that they have given the Fire Co. in the past year, without which help the Co. would not be able to maintain the excellent Fire Record they now enjoy.

The No School signal will be sounded at 7:45 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. This signal will be one long blast.

N. STEWART
V. WHITE
A. MILLER
W. LORD
N. PEARSON

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available manpower in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
District Chief

1947 Fire Record—

Number of Fires	1
Acreage Burned	1
Number of Fire Permits Issued	

VICTOR L. WHITE,
Forest Fire Warden

FRANCESTOWN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

During 1947 the big event sponsored by the Society was the celebration of the Town's 175th Anniversary. This took place on Labor Day, and its success was due to the wholehearted participation and support by winter and summer residents alike. Hundreds of people from this section and many from far away points came for the afternoon and evening.

The parade had nearly forty entries, with special prizes awarded for floats representing scenes from the Town history. Some of these included—"Frances Deering wooed by Gov. Wentworth", "The Soapstone Quarry", "Scoby Boys", "First House in Town", "Early Scotch Settlers attacked by Indians", "50th Anniversary of Eastern Star". There were many others of interest both on foot and on horseback.

Rep. Norris Cotton gave a fine speech on the sturdy qualities of the early Francetown settlers. There was a band concert and many booths in the rehabilitated horse sheds. In the evening a large number attended the square dance in the Town Hall.

The financial proceeds were considered at a meeting of the Society on October 12th, and the following appropriations were made: \$42.10 for new books for the Library, \$100 towards the new Fire Department siren, a fund to care for seeding and flowers on the common and the hedge by the old church, \$25 for the Community Christmas Tree and \$20 for the Red Cross Drive. In addition the Society is committed to pay for standpipe connections for fire protection in the upper village. The Society took active measure to care

for and add to the Historical Society collection in their rooms in the Library Building.

These actions show just how the Society can play a useful part in the Town in cooperation with all citizens. It can be of help to the Selectmen and is always ready to do its part. Membership is open to all, and the wider the interest shown, the more it can accomplish.

CARL G. FREESE, *President*
ERNEST L. JOHNSON, *Vice President*
ROBERT C. CUTTER, *Treasurer*
BETTY STEWART, *Secretary*

January, 1948

Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Fracestowen, N. H., Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund and Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income at beginning of year	Income during Year	Ex-pended during Year	Balance of Income at end of year
1852	Levi Woodbury Educational Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	2%	\$27.12	\$20.37	\$27.12	\$20.37
1896	Jennie Bradford Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	351.70	2	134.53	9.67	30.00	114.20
1909	Ebenezer Pettee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	28.22	2.55	5.00	25.77
1913	Richard Stanley Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	22.78	2.44	5.00	20.22
1915	William Boyd Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2 1/2	52.50	5.04	12.00	45.54
1915	Issacher Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2	6.84	1.40	2.00	6.04
1916	Ephraim & Chas. Morgan Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	17.54	2.93	5.00	15.47
1916	Mary C. Abbott Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2 1/2	9.00	2.10	2.00	9.10
1917	Nancy M. Danforth Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	13.56	2.82	3.00	13.38
1917	Maria H. Balch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	12.86	2.81	3.00	12.77
1918	Almeda Felch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2	36.32	5.92	5.00	37.24
1918	Daniel Ordway Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	15.77	2.89	2.00	16.66
1920	Jessie E. Osborne Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	5.93	1.39	1.00	6.32
1921	Henry H. Lynch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	14.79	2.22	2.00	15.07
1922	Mary D. Roper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2	11.39	2.22	2.00	11.61
1922	U. Ann Weston Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	42.15	6.85	6.00	43.00
1922	Eva M. Farmer Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	6.37	1.12	1.00	6.49
1923	Daniel W. Duncklee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75.00	2	12.18	2.24	2.00	12.42
1924	Unknown Dead Memorial Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	9.05	1.67	2.00	8.72
1925	Moses Jellison Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	4.02	1.07	2.00	3.09
1925	Mark Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	11.49	2.78	2.00	12.27
1925	Reuben Sawyer & Garvin Sleeper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	4.72	1.09	1.00	4.81
1927	George F. Holt Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2	12.44	2.80	3.00	12.24
1927	Clara Dean Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2	33.68	5.85	3.00	36.53
1928	Vilana A. Clark Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	13.12	2.26	2.00	13.38
1928	Moses B. Fisher Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	15.72	2.30	2.00	16.02
1929	Ordway & Snell Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	12.50	2.24	2.00	12.74
1929	Amos P. Fairbanks Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	11.84	2.23	2.00	12.17
1929		Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	13.53	2.26	2.00	13.79

1929	Mary J. Boynton Cemetery Fund	100.00	2	13.26	2.26	2.00	13.52
1929	Benjamin Dean Cemetery Fund	50.00	2	6.10	1.12	1.00	6.22
1930	Georgiana Felch Cemetery Fund	100.00	2	11.42	2.22	2.00	11.64
1931	Jennie G. Dodge Cemetery Fund	150.00	2 1/2	21.02	4.39	3.00	22.31
1932	Walter N. Maxfield Cemetery Fund	100.00	2	11.58	2.22	2.00	11.80
1933	John A. Burnham Cemetery Fund	150.00	2 1/2	22.75	4.31	4.00	23.06
1934	Sarah A. Hill Cemetery Fund	50.00	2	4.95	1.36	1.00	5.31
1935	Addie L. Morse Cemetery Fund	900.00	2 1/2	161.67	26.64	10.00	178.31
1935	Willard Carter Cemetery Fund	150.00	2	19.29	3.37	5.00	17.66
1935	John L. Epps Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	16.52	2.90	2.00	17.42
1935	Willard Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	12.47	2.80	2.00	13.07
1935	George E. Downes Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	17.46	2.93	2.00	18.39
1936	Frank Robinson Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	13.05	2.83	2.00	13.88
1936	Joseph G. Clark Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	10.63	2.30	2.00	10.83
1936	Samuel & Ephraim Fuller Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	11.20	2.78	2.00	11.98
1937	Fred Henderson Cemetery Fund	200.00	2 1/2	34.98	5.97	5.00	35.85
1939	George F. Lowe Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	9.44	2.72	3.00	9.16
1940	Sadie B. Balch Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	14.16	2.97	3.00	14.02
1941	Chas. H. Nichols Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	18.88	2.97	3.00	18.85
1943	Edwin A. Terren Cemetery Fund	82.58	2	11.89	1.88	3.00	10.77
1943	William G. Starratt Cemetery Fund	100.00	2	10.97	2.21	2.00	11.18
1944	Lydia Burton Cemetery Fund	50.00	2	2.45	1.04	1.00	2.49
1944	Wilfred Brown Cemetery Fund	150.00	2 1/2	43.37	13.62	10.00	46.99
1944	Joseph H. Chandler Cemetery Fund	100.00	2 1/2	14.75	4.12	2.00	16.87
1944	Amasa Downes Cemetery Fund	200.00	2	4.73	2.09	1.00	5.82
1945	Eva Smith Chandler Cemetery Fund	100.00	2	8.45	4.17	2.00	10.62
1946	Frank W. Jones Cemetery Fund	100.00	2	3.31	2.07	1.00	4.38
1946	Capital Reserve Fund	100.00	2	2.85	2.05	1.00	3.90
1947	Bart W. Smith Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	2 1/2	2.95	2.05	1.00	4.00
	George Holmes Bixby Library Fund	100.00	2 1/2	1.46	2.53	1.00	2.99
	George Holmes Bixby Library Fund	1,025.00	2	2.08	25.21	.....	27.29
	Bonds	1,500.00	2 1/2	.....	.63	.....	.63
	TOTAL	\$12,259.28		\$1,151.85	\$303.91	\$277.12	\$1,178.64

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR E. HORT,
 RODNEY G. MILLS,
 KATHLEEN F. JOHNSON, Trustees.

Births Registered in the Town of Fracecestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of birth	Name of Child			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		M	F						
1947									
March 21	Deborah Kittredge Stewart	F		Norman J. Stewart	Eliz. B. Kittredge	Fracecestown	Truck driver	Boston, Mass. . .	Mt. Vernon, N. H.
March 26	Matthew Prescott Varnum	M		Harold A. Varnum	Constance Clark . .	Fracecestown	Builder	Southbridge, Me.	Fracecestown, N. H.
May 14	Susie Anne Abbott	F		Bryant P. Abbott	Mary Irene Holley	Fracecestown	Farmer	Fracecestown, N. H.	Hillsboro, N. H.
June 19	Charles Irving Philbrick	M		Clayton O. Philbrick	Mary Clark	Fracecestown	Farmer	Manchester, N. H.	Hillsboro, N. H.
July 16	Roger Gene Cilley	M		Carl Edgar Cilley	Mary Dane Bailey	Fracecestown	Farmer	Dublin, N. H.	Fracecestown, N. H.
Aug. 16	Kenneth Nutting Abbott	M		Francis W. Abbott	Nina Mae Nutting	Fracecestown	Farmer	Peterboro, N. H.	Fracecestown, N. H.
Feb. 2	Leland Earl Vadney, Jr.	M		Leland Earl Vadney	Minnietta Foote . .	Fracecestown	Laborer	Washington, N. H.	Fracecestown, N. H.
Jan. 1	Judith Ann Colburn	F		Charles T. Colburn	Robertia I. MacLine	Fracecestown	Student	New Boston, N. H.	Fracecestown, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOAN A. BIXBY. *Town clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Franchestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1947 Sept. 7 Franchestown	Richard W. Miller ..	Franchestown	31 Mill worker	Franchestown, N. H.	Arthur J. Miller .. Mary E. Woodbury ..	Lynn, Mass. Franchestown, N. H.	Harrison L. Packard Congre. Clergyman Antrim, N. H.
	Bernice Eliz. St. John	Franchestown	19 Secretary	Franchestown, N. H.	Armedius O. St. John Carrie G. St. John	Franchestown, N. H. New Boston, N. H.	Louis W. Swanson Clergyman Manchester, N. H.
	Herman Clarence Miller	Franchestown	26 Mechanic	Franchestown, N. H.	Arthur J. Miller .. Mary E. Woodbury ..	Lynn, Mass. Franchestown, N. H.	John C. Prince Clergyman Troy, N. H.
June 8 New Boston	Dorothy Eliz. Leland .	New Boston	26 Tele. opr.	Manchester, N. H.	Willie E. Leland ... Ethel J. Humphrey ..	New Boston, N. H. Manchester, N. H.	
July 26 Troy, N. H.	Richard Franklin Mace	Franchestown	45 Forestry foreman	Manchester, N. H.	Franklin A. P. Mace Elsie B. Oaks	Newark, N. J. Bowdoinham, Me.	
	Merle Etta Riddle ..	Franchestown	41 Hairdresser	Bath, Me.	Converse P. Trufant Grace C. Blanchard	Greenfield, N. H.	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOAN A. BIXBY, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Fracestowen, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years			Place of Birth		Sex	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days					Mother	Father		
1947												
Jan. 20	Ida L. Chase	88		17	New Boston, N. H.	F.	W.	Housewife	Weare, N. H.		Jonathan King	Irene Peaslee
Mar. 13	Morris H. Wood	80		21	Hancock, N. H.	M.	W.	Farmer	Mason, N. H.		George Wood	Ella Weston
*Mar. 21	Fanny Ella Mendigo	76	9	21	Unknown, N. H.	F.	Div.	Unknown	Unknown		Charles Quigley	Unknown
Apr. 19	Minnie Bryant James	86	9	18	Manchester, N. H.	F.	W.	Housewife	Unknown		E. P. Richardson	Elmira Haradof
June 1	Cyril J. Richards	72	10	26	Three Rivers, P. Q.	M.	M.	Retired Exec.	Canada		Cyril J. Richards	Unknown
Aug. 10	Mora Etta Lund	81	4	14	Albany, N. Y.	F.	M.	Housewife	Cohoes, N. Y.		George Ricco	Annie Walker
*Aug. 22	Mabel A. Morgan	83			Unknown	F.	S.	Retired	Unknown		Unknown	Unknown
Oct. 12	Carrie P. Turner	77	2	24	Fishdale, Mass.	F.	W.	Housewife	Unknown		Charles Moulton	Hattie Flanders
Nov. 7	Elvah M. Clement	94	6	4	Benton, N. H.	F.	M.	Housewife	Franklin, N. H.		Bartlett Marston	Anna Brown
Sept. 2	Carroll Fred Clark	57	7		Hancock, N. H.	M.	M.	Mer. & Postmr	Lynn, Mass.		Fred N. Clark	Etha Matthews
*Feb. 1	William Bassett	81	11	20	Lynn, Mass.	M.	M.	Retired	Lynn, Mass.		William Bassett	Lydia Ann Buffin
*May 7	Ellen Pearson	86	1	3		F.	M.	At home	Sweden		Frederick Lindigven	Unknown

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

* Bodies brought here for burial.

JOAN A. BIXBY, Town Clerk.

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